

# Small Group Homework – October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Leader's Guide)

## DIRECTIONS FOR THIS MEETING

- a. Prepare for group time – remind everyone of your meeting time, set up enough chairs beforehand, welcome members as they arrive, snacks and drinks (optional) are ready beforehand.
- b. Focus of this study: Galatians 2:15-21. We want to walk away from this study with a clear understanding of what "justification" means. Use the definition in question 3 and feel free to ask more questions stemming from that definition.
- c. Take attendance for your group meeting on [secure.accessacs.com](http://secure.accessacs.com). If you have any issues getting logged in, contact Andrea Saffle at [asaffle@riverlawn.org](mailto:asaffle@riverlawn.org)

## Priming the Pump

1. What was your big takeaway from the message this weekend?

## About Me...

2. *I'm currently stressed about...*

*I'm currently excited about...*

## Into the Bible

3. Justification is defined as an instantaneous legal act of God in which he (1) thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ's righteousness as belonging to us, and (2) declares us to be righteous in his sight.

Why is "justification" central to our understanding of our relationship with God?

4. Read Galatians 2:15-21. If we are not saved or justified by our works, why should we do good works? **\*This question is meant to spark dialogue on the role between faith and good deeds. We don't do good works to be saved but we still do good works. It's important we remember we are justified by faith alone in Christ alone so good works are only a product of that faith.**
5. If a non-Christian friend asked you what it means to be "crucified with Christ", how would you explain it to them? **\*If you struggle in your group getting everyone to give input, this would be a good question to let everyone know you value their ideas. Make sure each person has an opportunity to contribute to the conversation on this question.**

6. Read Titus 3. Paul is reminding believers to live out their faith in the culture and with fellow believers. If you were writing to believers today, what would you remind them of? **\*Make sure this doesn't turn into culture bashing. We're not looking for what they would remind "the world", rather, what they would write to Christians today.**

### **Sermon Application**

7. How does Paul's teaching about justification enrich your time with God in a personal quiet time? **\*This question is meant to help people consider having a quiet time of personal study daily. Encourage your group members to get into the Word each day.**
8. Memorize Romans 5:1 – "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

### **Prayer Requests**

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### **Ministry Opportunities**

#### **Autumn Bash**

October 24, 4:00-8:00 P.M. at Riverlawn! We need volunteers for the 6:00-8:00 P.M. time slot! Sign-up at: The Wall outside the Auditorium or online at <http://goo.gl/forms/Uzv9KGtJH0>. More questions: Contact Renee at [rschneider@riverlawn.org](mailto:rschneider@riverlawn.org).